¶ The discripcion / and foundacion of the holy apostolyke Hospitall / and Confraternite of the holy Goost in Rome / and by whome it was fyrste founde and edified.

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¶ For ỹ instruccion of all suche as desire to know howe the Apostolyke hospitall & confraternite of the holy goost in Rome was firste founde / and by whome it was established/and in what place it is edifyed: in this litell treatyse here folowynge it shalbe declared.

¶ Fyrste ye shall vnderstande/that this sayd hospital is edified nere vnto ỹ water of Tymber a this syde the bryd[ge] of Saynt Ange within a large boow shote of saynt Pe[ters] churche and palayes of our holy father ỹ pope / and nere vnto brydge(that nowe is fallen in decaye & ruyne) the whiche is called the brydge of Nero. And moze ouer/ within the sayde Hospitall is a fountayne / whiche yet at this tyme is called the fountayne of Nero. And where as nowe is the vynyarde of the sayde Hospitall / some tyme there stode the palayes of Nero. And also where as now standeth the churche of the sayd hospitall (as we fynde by wrytynge) the sayde Nero caused a howse to be buylded/ whiche was called Taberna meritozia: that is to say the house of pyte / the whiche house the sayd Nero let buylde to the symplytude of a nother called Taberna meritozia: Where as nowe is edified the churche of our Lady/ ouer water of Tymber / in the whiche place at the houre that our sauiour Jesu was borne sprange a fountayne of oyle the whiche ranne into Tymber in the syght of all people. And in to this forsayd howse were receyued all auncient gentylmen & men of warre/that had trauayled in batayle aboute the publike welthe/ whiche in theyr age were falle in pouerte/and were nat able to socoure them selfe: than in the sayd house they were honestly nourisshed.

¶ And sith ỹ tyme our feyth catholyke hath ben establisshed and augmented/in the sayd place hath ben edified a ryghte fayre churche in the worshyppe of god/ and of the virgyn Marye / the whiche was called Sancta Maria

¶ Also in the sayd hospitall to receyue the seke people be ordeyned. iii. C. beddes / where sometyme ye shall se. iii. or iiii. C. seke folke and moo.

¶ Also the childzen that be gyuen to the sayd hospitall to gouerne: for as many as they haue (both in the sayd Hospitall & i the coũtre / ꝑ whiche be put to nourisshe at a place acustomed for them / tyll they be. v. or. vi yere of age) for eche of those childzẽ they pay a ducate a moneth / & sometyme they haue a. M. & sometyme mo: the whiche they kepe nourisshe tyll they be able to lerne some sciẽce: & some of ꝑ men childzen be religious men / & some craftes men / & some be ꝓuauntis in the sayd place. And likewyse they kepe the mayden childzen tyll they be spousable / & than they mary them honorably at the dispence of the sayd hospitall.

¶ Also in the sayd hospitall be prestes & religious men / ꝑ serue god both day & nyght. And there be also. iii. C. lxvi. hospitals belongynge to the sayd hospitall / the whiche be in diuers coũtres: & in them also ꝑ said warkes of mercy be accomplisshed. And in the forsayd hospitall dayly is a dole of bzede & mete to poze people from mornynge to noone.

¶ Also in the sayd hospitall be many seruauntes / that take wages: and also they fynde many souldiours / that garde & defende certayne castels: as the castell of sayncte Seuere Trygule / & other beynge on the ptes of the mysbreantes. Wherfore Pope Innocent the. viii. Alexander the. vi. Pye the. iii. July the. ii. and also our holy father pope Leo that nowe is / seynge ꝑ great cost & charge of the sayd hospital ꝑ whiche they be nat able to susteyne without the charite & almes of cristẽ peple: wherfore our said holy father hath cõfirmed & extended the confraternite / & all the indulgences of the sayd hospitall / wyllynge that it shulde be publisshed / & conduted in all places within cristendome: as it apereth in the bulles & bulgaries of the sayd holy fathers.

¶ Also the sayd indulgence & cõfraternite were neuer de nulled/reuoked/nor violate: but alway augmented. Also the warkes of misericorde of the sayd hospitall dayely be augmented by the helpe of good cristen people/and principally within this Royalme by the sacred maieste of the moost myghty kynge of Englande/the moost reuerent father my lorde Cardinall and legate/my lorde the Archbysshop of Caunturbury Primate of England/and of all other prelates.

¶ Also the sayd holy matter is conduted by the verray religiouse ymages of the sayd hospitall and ordre of the holy goost: amonge whom is a speciall Comyssarie/whych maye make and ordeyne perpetually the sayd confraternyte and indulgẽce in all churches/where he and his substitutes shall erecte the forsayd pardone.

¶ Wherfore than so great and digne pardone/gyuen for so holy a cause ought nat to be refused: but with great deuocion shulde be desired both for them that be alyue/and for them that be deed.

¶ And fynally/though no pardon were graunted to the sayd hospitayll/yet for the honoure of god/and to fulfyll the warkes of mysericorde/that euery cristen man & woman ought to put to theyr helpynge handes to the susten tacion of ỹ pore people and other warkes of charite that dayly be done in the sayd hospitall/to the ende ỹ for theyr good dedes (done in thys Worlde) they may opteyne the ioye of paradise and reygne with the father and the sone/and the holy goost worlde without ende. Amen.

¶ Thus end..h the discripci.. and foun
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